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SUMMARY. PRESS MAY 26 COVERED ASU FESTIVITIES MARKING
OAU ANNIVERSARY. PRESS HIGHLIGHTED SADAT SPEECH, MAJOR
THEME OF WHICH WAS CALL ON AFRICAN STATES TO UNITE
AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION. CHARGE ATTENDED CEREMONY
WHERE ONLY DISCORDANT NOTE WAS AAPSO REP SPEECH DE-
NOUNCING "IMPERIALISM". IN RELATED STORY AL SYGEN
RIAD SENT INVITATIONS TO ARAB COUNTRIES WHO MEMBERS OF
AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO MEET IN
NIAMEY JUNE 5. END SUMMARY.

1. SADAT SPEECH. IN SPEECH (READ BY VP MUBARAK) TO ASU
FESTIVITIES MARKING 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAU, SADAT CALLED
FOR UNITY OF AFRICAN STATES AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVEN-
TION. (AHRAM EDITORIAL SOUNDS SAME THEME, ADDING THAT
"COMMUNIST DRIVE" IN AFRICA CONSTITUTES DANGER.) FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE SETS NEIGHBOR AGAINST NEIGHBOR AND DOES NO
MORE THAN EXPLOIT FOREIGNERS' "EXPANSIONIST INTERESTS"
AND NOT WELFARE OF AFRICAN PEOPLE. OAU ESTABLISHED TO
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INSURE "JOINT AFRICAN SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS".
PRESS STORY HIGHLIGHTED THESE THEMES, AS WELL AS ASSER-
TION THAT EGYPT "PROUD" TO BELONG TO AFRICAN CONTINENT
AND CIVILIZATION. EGYPT WON ITS INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT
OUTSIDE SUPPORT AND URGED, BY IMPLICATION, THAT AFRICAN
STATES DO SAME.

2. CHIEFS OF MISSION CONVENED. JOINING MUBARAK AND ASU FIRST SEC MUSTAFA KHALIL ON DAIS WERE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS GHALI, UGANDAN AMBASSADOR JACK BUNYENYEZI, AND MR. AUGUSTINE MOMBASHURA OF NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE. ALL DELIVERED ADDRESSES, AS DID MUSTAFA EL MALLA, MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF AAPSO. PROCEEDINGS LASTED 1 1/2 HOURS AND WERE MOST NOTABLE FOR SPEECH OF AAPSO REP, WHO VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCED "IMPERIALISTS" WHO SEEKING REGAIN FORMER COLONIES AND SEIZE VALUABLE RESOURCES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. GHALI COMMENTS. IN DISCUSSION LATER WITH CHARGE, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GHALI PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW AAPSO REP AND EXPLAINED HIS PRESENCE ON BASIS THAT ORGANIZATION HAD PARTICIPATED LAST YEAR. UGANDAN AMBASSADOR'S ROLE WAS DUE HIS BEING THE DOYEN OF BLACK AFRICAN AMBASSADORS (HIS ADDRESS WAS QUITE MODERATE). GHALI REPEATED HIS REMARKS TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY MEMBERS MAY 24 (SEPTTEL) ON DRAWING DISTINCTION BETWEEN BRIEF FOREIGN INTERVENTION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES AND LENGTHY INTERVENTION FOR PURPOSES OF CONTROLLING DESTINIES OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

4. AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION COMMITTEE. IN RELATED STORY PRESS REPORTED AL SYGEN RIAD INVITED ARAB COUNTRIES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRO-ARAB COMMITTEE TO MEETING IN NIAMEY, NIGER, JUNE 5. ARAB SIDE WILL HAVE PREPARATORY MEETING IN CAIRO MAY 29. COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION OF FIRST AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT AS WELL AS VENUE AND DATE FOR AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. MATTHEWS

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